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Dear Ones,

I heard about a little guy asking his Dad about new year resolutions. Dad's reply was a simple one. "Son, new year resolutions are simply a to do list that lasts for about a week." I don't seem to hear about new year resolutions like I used to. Are we making our own quiet resolutions instead of broadcasting them to neighbors and friends? Are we discouraged that such good intentions to change our eating habits or our exercise routine only last for days or weeks instead of becoming a part of our lifestyle? Have we decided resolutions are not worth making because we don't have a good record of keeping them?

It is a principle from the Bible that we persevere in our ambitions to grow spiritually! The Apostle Paul commended folk for exercising. He really did! (1 Timothy 4:8). Getting physically fit or maintaining it is an honorable resolution. But, the Apostle encourages us to be spiritually fit. He encourages us to train ourselves in Godliness. The young preacher, Timothy, is said to be "trained in the word of faith and of the good doctrine" he followed. Training in Godliness includes eating the right food, the Word of God! Training in Godliness includes exercising our faith by following what the Word of God teaches us.

Sunday morning, we talked about deepening our connection within the Body of Christ. We want to encourage you to train in Godliness this coming year: 1) By meeting us in the Sanctuary on Sunday morning where we can encourage one another, 2) By finding your place of service within the church family for the glory of the Lord and the good of the Body, 3) By purposing to share your faith with others in the community that they may come to know the Lord.

Lord Bless, *Preacher Jack*

## ***Youth Minister's Post***

How many of you liked seeing the snow on the ground yesterday morning? I can say that my dog was very happy to see the snow yesterday morning once he remembered what it was. When I took my dog outside and looked at the snow these words popped into my head... "Whiter than snow, yes, whiter than snow, Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow." The snow was completely pure and flawless until my dog ruined by playing around in it. I am reminded that Jesus was a pure and perfect sacrifice for our sins. Here are some other words to the hymn: "Lord Jesus, let nothing unholy remain, Apply Thine own blood and extract every stain; To get this blest cleansing, I all things forego—Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Lord Jesus, look down from Thy throne in the skies, And help me to make a complete sacrifice; I give up myself, and whatever I know—Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Lord Jesus, for this I most humbly entreat, I wait, blessed Lord, at Thy crucified feet, By faith for my cleansing, I see thy blood flow—Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow." Think about those words each time you look at the snow.

In Christ, *Josiah Holloway*

**Prayer Requests:**

Mary Ann Blessing  
Donna Wheeler  
Donna Meeks  
John Dodge  
Gina Kittle  
John Wheeler  
Dixie Drummond  
Donna Houghton  
Debbie Seamster  
Holly Harris  
Chipper Harris  
Barbara Smith  
Russell James  
Louis Wilson  
Bob Carney  
George & Sheila Owings  
Dorothy Franklin  
Willideane Crist  
Robert Lipper  
Ron Alexander  
Rose Miller

**Hospital**

Max Kapfer—SCMH  
Evelyn Nye—Mayo Clinic

**FCC Members at  
SCCC & R.C.F.**

Jeri Baker            Audrey Drummond  
Velva Freburg        Louise Frederick  
Vetrice Goins        Gene Parsons  
Harriett Poole        Jean Allen

**FCC Members at  
Schuyler County N.H.**  
Marietta Garrison



**January  
Book of Month**

**Matthew**

**STATISTICS**

**January 4, 2015**

Sunday School...62  
Worship...82

General Fund.....\$1,472.75  
Carpet.....\$98.00

**BUDGET (To date)**

Weekly Needs ..... \$3,242.00  
Budget needs.....\$3,242.00  
Gifts.....\$1,472.75

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Fellow's Night Out!**

**January 8th @ 6pm @ Keith's Café**

Calling out for all men and boys to come and share wonderful food and good times!



**January 10—1pm-4pm**

We will be having a "Drive-In Movie" Kindergarten thru Sixth grade. We are going to provide the boxes and materials for the children to make their "own cars". Popcorn and drinks will be provided also. Please let me or the church office know if your child/children are able to attend so that I have enough boxes.

Josiah Holloway — 660-341-8706  
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**Sunday, January 11th @ 6:00 pm  
First Baptist Church  
Blend-An A Cappella Experience**



*Card Showers*

A card shower is being requested for **Florine Forrester**. She will celebrate her 99th birthday **Sunday, January 11th**. Please send birthday greetings to:  
*Florine Forrester*  
467 S. Market St  
Memphis, MO 63555

**Snow Day  
Saturday, January 17, 2015  
JR & SR High Students  
Cost \$15**

The bus will leave at **7:15am** sharp and we will return to the church between **9:20-9:30pm**

The **deadline to sign up is Wednesday, January 14th**. Call the church or Josiah for more information.



**January 18th — All Church Dinner**

Right after the morning service please stay for wonderful food and fellowship.

Music Committee Meeting **January 18th @1:30pm** in the fireplace room following **All Church Dinner**

**Sunday Services**

Sunday School.....9:20 AM  
Worship.....10:30 AM  
Junior Worship (Ages 3 to 5yrs). ....10:30 AM  
Super Church ( Grades K—6th).....During sermon

**Church Staff**

Jack Sumption.....Preacher  
Josiah Holloway.....Youth Minister  
Kelly Cochran.....Secretary

**Reminder January 11, 2015**

West Greeter..... Jessica Campbell  
West Usher.....Lane Campbell  
East Greeter.....Edna Gundy  
Sunday School at SCCC.....Truth Seekers  
SCCC Pianist.....Jana Muntz  
Nursery.....Patricia & Katie Miller  
January Bus Driver.....Paul Campbell  
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